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SUFRECT: RETURN TN TU-95 TO GUINEA

1. EMBOFF OBSERVED ONE TU-95 AIRCRAFT AT CONAKRY MILITARY AIRPORT AUGUST 7. TU-95 MAY HAVE LANDED P.M. AUGUST 6. AS OF MORNING AUGUST 8, IT WAS STILL THERE.

2. AT 0920 ON AUGUST 8, FOREIGN MINISTER FILY CISSOKO SUMMONED CHARGE TO MFA TO EXPLAIN TU-95'S PRESENCE. CISSOKO SAID HE HAD BEEN CHARGED BY SEKOU TOURE TO INFORM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT THE SOLEMN ASSURANCES GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI, AND SEKOU TOURE'S CONFIRMATION OF THESE ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR HARROP SHORTLY BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE, REMAIN VALID. CISSOKO CITED AFRICAN PROVERB TO EFFECT THAT WORD OF HONEST MAN IS NVIOLABLE NO MATTER WITH WHOM HE SPEAKS. SEKOU TOURE HAD PROMISED THAT THE TU-95'S WOULD NOT RETURN UNLESS REQUESTED BY GUINEA, AND THIS REMAINS GOG'S POSITION.

3. CISSOKO SAID WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THIS CASE WAS "UNFORESEEN" EXCEPTION". WITHOUT INFORMING TOURE, A  
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GUINEAN "TECHNICAL SERVICE" HAD ACQUIESCED IN A SHORT-NOTICE SOVIET REQUEST TO ALLOW SEVERAL TU-95'S TO MAKE A "TECHNICAL STOP" FOR REFUELING EN ROUTE TO LUANDA WHERE THEY WOULD BE OPERATING. UPON LANDING, AT TU-95 "MALFUNCTIONED" AND THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE (AS OF A.M. AUGUST 8) TO GET IT OFF THE GROUND. THE SOVIET CHARGE HAS BEEN CALLED IN AND REMINDED THAT

SOVIET PLANES CANNOT LAND WITHOUT GOG PERMISSION.  
FONMIN REITERATED THAT EXCELLENT FRAMEWORK OF U.S.-  
GUINEAN RELATIONS REMAINED VALID, AND SEKOU TOURE WISHED  
GIVE HIS FULL ASSURANCE TO THIS EFFECT.

4. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT U.S. LEADERS NO DOUBT WERE  
CONCERNED AT WHAT THEY MAY ALREADY PERCEIVE AS  
BREACH OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED AT  
HIGHEST LEVELS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND UNDERLINED ONCE  
AGAIN IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT  
TOURE. THUS, FONMIN'S EXPLANATION OF PRESIDENT TOURE'S  
VIEW WAS WELCOME AND APPRECIATED. AS PRESIDENT TOURE HAS  
SAID, "ACTS, NOTHING BUT ACTS, NO WORDS, ARE WHAT  
COUNT," AND U.S. WILL FOLLOW SITUATION WITH CLOSEST  
ATTENTION, GIVEN SOLEMN COMMITMENT AND HIGH-LEVEL  
INVOLVEMENT IN MATTER.

5. COMMENT: SINCE ORIGINAL COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
RECENT LETTER NOW IN HAND BUT NOT YET DELIVERED TO TOURE,  
SUGGEST DEPT AUTHORIZE CHARGE TO SEEK MEETING WITH TOURE  
THIS WEEK TO PRESENT IT AND TO RECONFIRM DIRECTLY TU-95  
ASSURANCES RELAYED BY CISSOKO.

6. AT SAME TIME, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, IN CONTEXT OF  
"REVIEW OF RESULTS OF BEAVOGUI VISIT, WE COULD ALSO USE  
OCCASION TO SEEK TOURE'S GENERAL ASSENT TO U.S. NAVAL  
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SHIP VISIT IN FALL, AND COULD BROACH PROPOSED ICRC  
VISIT, IF ICRC HAS BY THEN GIVEN ASSENT TO APPROACH.  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER MAY OPEN DOOR WHICH,  
ACCORDING TO USUAL GUINEAN PRACTICE, NOT NORMALLY  
OPEN TO ANY EXCEPT AMBASSADORS; IT WOULD BE USEFUL  
TO SAMPLE TOURE'S MOOD AND VIEWS DIRECTLY ON  
KEY BILATERAL ISSUES IF POSSIBLE. IF TOURE  
MEETING NOT POSSIBLE, COULD SEE BEAVOGUI INSTEAD.  
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